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undergofag impeachment at the in- Ryder. Delighted with her frank- where they adopted various modes (avorable decisions. Her home com- her in possession of secret does- gler, as a compensation for the de-

'THE LION AND THE MOUSE' the Ryder mansion wit held by unserupulous hands. John Burkett Ryder under another as vagrants.

Shirley Ressmore, daughter of name. Miss Green, who of course. "The antiquity of minstrelsy," ludge Rossmore of the Supreme 14 Shirley Rossmore, enters and asserted Mr. Field, "is proven by

recounter, never was tired of recounting the ancient origin of the eraft. Of course," said Mr. Field, 'the term 'minstrel' in the golden days of minstrelsy was a compre-hensive one, and included the poet, singer and the musician, not to mention the fablier, whose place is now taken by our endman; the con-teur, who today a represented by the inscriptor, and the baladin, whose place is taken nowadays by the medley singer and dancer. Then the minstrel's position in feulal times was peculiar. There were grades in the prefession, as in oth-Fifth ers, and the authorities found it In "The Lion and the Mouse" Avenue with fawning Senators, necessary to control such as wanwhich Henry B. Harris will pro-chairmen of national political com- detect about the country without a luce here at the Grand Monday mittees and judges kicking their license. Mustrels attached to the evening Charles Klein has written heels in the outer corridors as a coart and noble houses were distina play which is destined to live in suggestion of the atmosphere of guished by wearing a badge atthe grands of all theatre goers money power. All of them are sent tached to a silver chain, and just whose prviilege it is to see it. gruffly away because John Burkett as in latter times, players who did The theme is one never before Ryder has an appointment with not bear the names of some courser utilized for stage purposes. It is Sarah Green author of "The Octo- were the subjects of parliamentary the poewr of money in American ous," a book which she has written enactments, so the unattached minpolitics and the possibilities for and whose central character is strels were treated like the players,

Court returns from Europe to find there follows a remarkably stimu- the historical fact that mustrels her father rained financially and lating encounter between her and were carried into France by Rollo, spiration of the money octopus ness and eleverness he asks her to of amusing, such as uniting the against which he has rendered un- write his autobicgraphy and puls talents of the mimic and the jug-



A SCENE FROM THE "LION AND THE MOUSE"

ing a naturally one of disappoint- ments from which to get the data. feets of the musician and poet, and

ment and heartbreaks for during his household for a considerable their musical skill, if we may judge her visit to Europe she has met length of time, the master subju- from the number of their instruand fallen in love with the son gattom to her eleverness and wit ment; was formidable.' of John Burkett Ryder, the vary is so complete, that he asks her to Questioned as to the origin of man who has ruined her father, marry his son in order to keep him minstrelsy as it is portrayed by his Jeferson Ryder, who is in turn out of the clutches of the daugh-in love with Shariey Rossmore actor of the hated Rossmores. Her that it was not until the beginning companies her to her home and keen sense of womanhood and her of the nineteenth century that asked for her hand in marriage, love for Jefferson will not allow American minstrelsy appeared. her to further deceive those who the new conditions that exist she have shown her personal kindness refuses and demisses him and de- whereupon she admits her identity Mr. Field, "was the first to make a negro postmaster each day carries clares her intention to fight his as being the real Miss Rossmore, a negro character famous, his anfather, Jefferson, however, is also Outwitted and cheated in his fond- personation being that of Jim Crow, shocked at his father's pernicious est hopes Ryder in a fit of exas. In old Louisville slave, it was not means of dishonoring the name of peration, orders her from his house until 1843 that Dan Emmett formed is approaching and the arm on the Rossmore and in his sympathy for whereapon the son Jefferson intermail car extends to sweep the bag Shirley decided to help her al- feres telling his father his deter- the name of the Virginia Minthough he knows it is to defeat his mination to leave with her and strels.' The company consisted of honorable mail of these United States father's plans. The second act become her husband. Here Shir- Dan Emmett, Frank Brower, Billy shows the inner private library of ley's prite interferes and she de- Whitlock and Dick Pelham. The neunces Ryder, Sr., assuring him style of performance adopted by terduced in recent years. Even the strels, " success of the play of which every- Mr. Field's organization is one is familiar is reason suffi-known as he Al G. Field's Greater cient that all classes of theatre- Minstrels, is the oldest touring the goers should not fail to see it.

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FIELD'S MINSTRELS.

when not busy with the multifarious details incidental to the management of his greater Minstrel The other acts on the bill are Show, or entertaining and swapping Rescoe and Sims, the English Touryarns of the chase with some it and the Coon, in a singing and hunting friends, is every ready to talking musical act; Harry Sachs, delve into the pest, and conjure a clover singer and dancer; Nellie vistons of old time "glee men." Rayfield, a child impersonator, and Sitting in the drawing room of Tem Powell in a monologue stunt his private car, "Dan Emmett," that is said to be a sersam, yesterday, Mr. Field was unusually, Mass Coleman will warble. This reminiscent and he entertained a week her song will be that sad and reporter with some very interesting pathetic ballad, entitled, "Since facts regarding ministrelsy, past and You Called Mc, Dearie, I've Not

"I am not much of a historian," of illustrations will be thrown in raid the gen'al minstrel, "but I do for good measure. renumber hearing Dan Emmett, During the coming week who was the pioneer of minstrel camerograph moving pictures will organizations in this country, say be extremely interesting, among the that minstrels are the genuine successors of the ancient bards, who and the Stolen Bride." united the arts of poetry and mu-pic and sang verses composed by themselves or others. And Emmett, themselves or others. And Emmett, your druggist about Electropodes.

"While Thomas D. Rice," said that she would not allow herself them has remained much the same to fall so low as to marry the ever since, for they danced,, sang, con of a man who tramples all played their instruments, and cargood under his golden heel and ried on a running dialogue of jokes. who refuses to lift his hand to About the most famous minstrele ave her father from unmerited dis- that I remember," said Mr. Field, grace, This scene has been unan- "were White's Kitchen Minstrels, imously conceded by all critics to the Virginia Serenaders, the New be one of the very best in- York Mustrels and Christy's Min-

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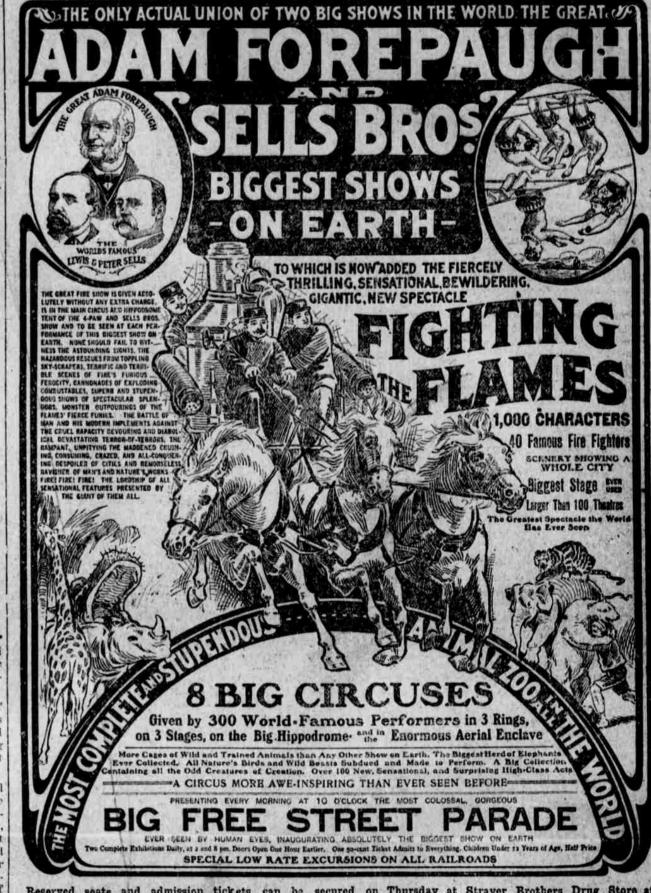
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